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Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal	
Filed : August 31, 2000	Attorney Docket No.: 501082.04 (98-0616.03)
Art Unit : 2815	Customer No. : 27,076
Examiner : Jose R. Diaz	
Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE	

**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY-FILED  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

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Sir:

Applicant requests that the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements, which were originally filed on August 25, 2003 and November 7, 2003, be considered and made of record in the above-identified patent application.

During a review of the file for the above-identified application, applicant's representative discovered that signed copies of the PTO-1449's filed on August 25, 2003 and November 7, 2003, have not been received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Enclosed are copies of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements and date-stamped postcards indicating that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements were received by

the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 2, 2003 and November 12, 2003, respectively.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (206) 903-8787 should there be any questions regarding this request.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with this communication. Should a fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

- Postcard
- Copy of Request
- Copy of Supplemental IDS filed August 25, 2003
- Copy of Form PTO-1449 filed August 25, 2003
- Copy of Date-Stamped Return Receipt Postcard dated September 2, 2003
- Copy of Supplemental IDS filed November 7, 2003
- Copy of Form PTO-1449 filed November 7, 2003
- Copy of Date-Stamped Return Receipt Postcard dated November 12, 2003

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicant wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 (copies of the cited references, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, are enclosed). Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicant's duty to disclose all information he is aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicant believes that his invention is patentable.

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C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

A fee of \$180 is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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